stakeholders. However, because of divergent views, no final decision has been taken by the Committee.

Foodgrain procurement

1827. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrain procurement has been too low this year;

(b) the actual item-wise production and procurement of foodgrains this year and the comparative figures thereof for the last three years;

(c) the reasons for low procurement; and

(d) whether this has not only led to rise in the prices but also hit the social sector programmes, like the New Food for Work Programmes (NFWP) and the Sampoorna grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The details of production and procurement of foodgrains in the last three years and the current year are given in the Statement (*See* below). As may be seen procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) in the current KMS 2006-07 (as on 7.8.2006) is higher than the procurement in the corresponding period last year.

However, the procurement of wheat has been lower than last year due to high ruling market prices, lower than the targeted production of wheat in crop year 2005-06, negative market sentiments, low market arrivals and more active participation by private traders.

(d) The increase in Wholesale Price Index of wheat as on 22.7.06 is 7.81% compared to 3.95% in the corresponding period last year. The low procurement of wheat has not adversely affected any social sector programme.

Statement

Production and Procurement of Foodgrains in the last three years and in the current year

A. Production of foodgrains during the last three years and the current year.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Crop Year	Wheat	Rice	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Ragi
2002-03	657.6	718.2	70.1	47.2	111.5	13.2
2003-04	721.5	885.3	66.8	121.1	149.8	19.7
2004-05	686.4	831.3	72.4	79.3	141.8	24.3
2005-06*	694.8	910.4	79.7	76.6	150.9	23.0

*4th Advance Estimates as on 15.07.06.

B. Procurement of foodgrains during the last three years and the current year

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

RMS	Wheat	KMS	Rice	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Ragi
2003-04	158.01	2002-03	164.22	0.53	Neg.	0.06	Neg.
2004-05	167.95	2003-04	228.28	0.48	2.46	3.57	—
2005-06	147.87	2004-05	246.84	0.12	1.35	6.31	0.49
2006-07#	92.26	2005-06*	275.22	0.67	0.05	10.08	0.63

Neg. Below 1000 tonnes.
*Position as on 7.8.2006
Position as on 25.7.2006

Import of wheat sugar and pulses

†1828. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the parts of the country where these imported commodities like wheat, sugar and pulses, etc. have been sold to consumers?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.